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LB 760

CLERK: (Read title to LB 760.) It was read on January 4. It was referred to the Public Works Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, we've got a lot of bills so I'll be brief. This is a very simple bill I've been asked to introduce on behalf of former POW's, prisoners of war. Over 40 states now have passed legislation very similar to LB 760 permitting a special license plate on behalf of ex-prisoners of war. Every state that adjoins Nebraska has this. In Colorado they just passed the bill in '83, in Iowa in 1980, in Kansas in '83, and in South Dakota in '82. Fiscal impact, big issue, probably none or at the most just a minor amount that can be handled internally in the Department of Motor Vehicles. Needless to say the proposed legislation is supported by every veterans organization in Nebraska, all the principal veterans organizations for sure, including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign War and the Disabled Veterans, of which I am a member. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for Senator DeCamp if he will yield. Senator DeCamp, it says in the second portion of LB 760 that if the license plates issued under this section are lost, stolen or mutilated that there would be no charge for the replacement. Why are we forgiving that second charge when they are paying for them in the first place?

SENATOR DECAMP: I don't know. It just seemed like a good idea. There aren't that many of them anyway, and they aren't going to lose them. They are very careful with their license plates.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, to tell you the truth I think these might be collector item license plates.